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A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) An officer had to be kept on reserve duty for a short time in order to avoid unnecessary transfers. He has since been posted to a sanctioned appointment.

Proposed appointment of Major Anderson in the place of Colonel Bradfield.

* 1108 *Q.*—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government intend posting Major Anderson from Vizagapatam to Madras in place of Colonel Bradfield who is going on short leave?

A.—No.

Public Health

Rural medical relief in Salem, South Arcot and Coimbatore districts.

* 1109 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any comprehensive scheme of rural medical relief now under the consideration of the Government and, if so, since how long the same has been under consideration and when the Government expect it to be brought into effect;

(*b*) whether any of the local boards in the districts of Salem, Coimbatore and South Arcot have undertaken any scheme to afford extensive medical relief to the rural population within their local areas and, if so, which are the local boards and what are their schemes;

(*c*) whether any and, if so, what steps have been taken hitherto by the Government to provide adequate medical relief to the "gosha nashin" section of the Muslim community in the districts of South Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore and the Nilgiris; and

(*d*) how many gosha hospitals and dispensaries have been established in the aforesaid four districts (1) by the Government, (2) by the local boards and municipal bodies and what is the expenditure incurred by each authority under the said head, during each of the past ten years?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) The Government do not make separate provision for medical aid to the different sections of the community. Such provision as has been made is intended for the benefit of the men, women and children of all communities who wish to avail themselves of it.

(*d*) Hospitals for women and children have been established at the following places in the districts mentioned:—

District.	Places where hospitals for women and children have been established.	
	Government.	Local Fund or Municipal.
South Arcot	...	Cuddalore New Town.
Salem	Salem ...	...
Coimbatore	Tiruppur.	Dharapuram. Pollachi. Udamalpet.
The Nilgiris	...	...